

In addition to the top-notch music programming, the primary motivating factor in my decision to become an XM subscriber was the availability of traffic and weather for my local area. As my job as a researcher requires regular local and domestic travel, having an up-to-date source for traffic and weather is critical. Moreover, the quality of information provided by XM is regularly higher than that of my local stations. To disallow such programming is akin to not allowing cable programming, such as that provided on The Weather Channel or my local programs, to not exist. The proposed measure to not allow traffic and weather on satellite radio is highly inappropriate. I ask that you not allow this measure to be adopted.